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Attorney  
Docket No.: BIH-002AX

Sir:

In re application of: COHN ET AL.

Entitled: SUTURE SYSTEM

Transmitted herewith is an **amendment** in the above-identified application. The following checked items are applicable:

- ☒ This is a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114; a check in the amount of \$405.00 is enclosed per §1.17(e).  
☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ per §1.116.
- ☐ Small Entity Status is asserted.
- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time for 5 month(s) is hereby made under §1.136(a); a check in the amount of \$1115.00 is enclosed for the cost of such extension per §1.17.
- ☐ In the event a Petition for Extension of Time is required by this paper and not otherwise provided, such Petition is hereby made and authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of such extension.
- ☒ Other: RCE Letter, IDS Letter, PTO/SB/08A and three references

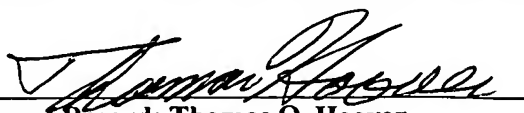
| CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT:   | MINUS PRIOR PAID CLAIMS: | EQUALS PRESENT EXTRA CLAIMS: | RATE:        | ADDITIONAL FEE: |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Independent   | 3 - 3                    | = 0                          | x \$210.00 = | 0               |
| Total   | 24 - 20                  | = 4                          | x \$ 50.00 = | 200.00          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claims (1st presentation)   |                          |                              | + \$370.00 = |                 |
| SUBTOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE   |                          |                              |              | 200.00          |
| Small Entity filing, divide by 2. Small Entity status must be asserted. |                          |                              |              | 100.00          |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE  |                          |                              |              | 100.00          |

☐ No additional fee. ☒ The fee has been calculated above; a check in the amount of \$100.00 is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees under §1.16 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0804.

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